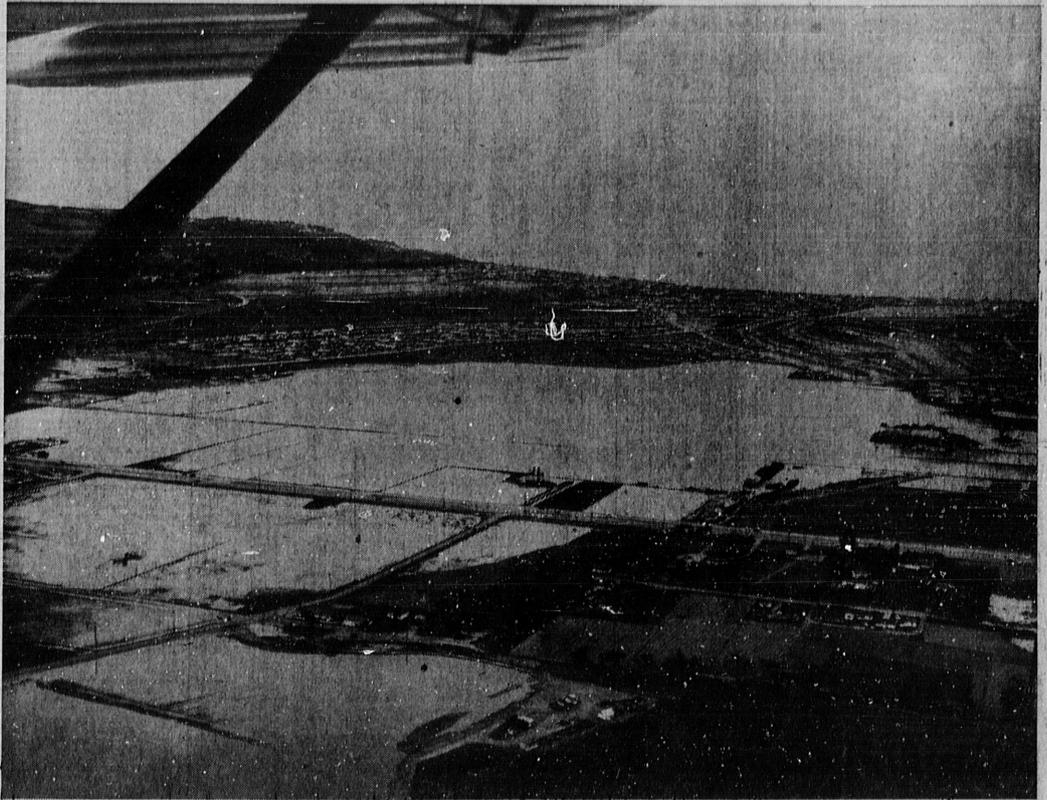


Torrance Hit Hard By Rains Which Total 8.53 Inches



CHANNEL SWIMMERS (PROFESSIONAL) . . . County Lifeguards ready their boat for the trip north on Crenshaw to free the obstructions from the flood control channel which was impeding proper drainage of area in North Torrance. Lifeguard left front is Harold Holmes, Torrance High School graduate who is now employed by the County. They were successful in lowering the flood water in the area.



WALTERIA LAKE REFILLED . . . This aerial photo made Friday morning shows the huge lake formed north of Pacific Coast Hwy. near Hawthorne Blvd. by the heavy rains Wednesday and Thursday. Hawthorne Blvd. runs through the lake in the center of the picture while Lomita Blvd. joins Hawthorne from the lower left. Between the lake and the ocean is Hollywood Riviera and Seaside Ranchos. The photo was made by Herald Editor Reid Bundy in a plane piloted by Councilman Willys G. Blount.

(Herald Photo)



ON DISASTER CALL . . . Members of the Torrance unit of the California National Guard move into flooded area at 188th St. and Crenshaw as water reached into the homes of the area. Families were taken to the American Legion Hall where a Red Cross Disaster Center had been set up.

(Herald Photo)

Cameras Record Highlights of City's Disaster

These pictures made by HERALD photographers during the heavy downpour Thursday morning show only a small segment of Torrance which was hit hard by the two-day storm. Many areas were accessible only by boat, and many families were brought out of their flood stricken areas by boat and on the huge National Guard trucks which had been called into service when the storm took on disaster proportions here Wednesday night.

Scenes shown here on page three can not convey the full impact of the city's worst storm in the memory of most residents. In addition to those who were on the battle lines such as the city police, fire, and reserves, there were the National Guardsmen, Red Cross workers, amateur radio operators, and hundreds of volunteers who turned a hand in helping those caught in the rampaging waters.

The flood was an all-out test of the city's Civil Defense organization, which swung into action without delay when the situation became serious.

The activation of the Civil Defense in Torrance received the highest praise from city officials. The city was in contact with other cities and state agencies throughout the entire period and a central control desk coordinated the activities throughout the flooded areas of the city with the minimum of lost effort.



EVACUATED AREA NEAR CHANNEL . . . Residents of most of these homes in the 168th St. and Elgar Ave. area were evacuated early Thursday by National Guardsmen, police officers, and volunteers. The homes were threatened

when water in the nearby Dominguez Channel, County Flood Control project, backed into the area because of obstructions in the channel east of Crenshaw. Divers later cleared the channel and the water receded.

(Herald Photo)

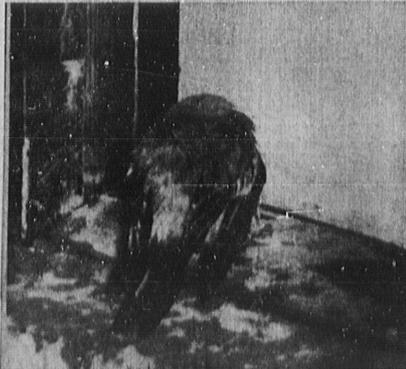


MOVING DAY . . . A family from the area north of 308th St., near Normandie Ave., use makeshift paddles to pull their boat toward safety with what household items they could load onto the craft. R. E. Schramm, whose plant was shut down by the rains, took the picture.



STRATEGY MEETING . . . Capt. Douglas Horlander, commanding the Torrance National Guard unit, discusses evacuation problems with Police Officers Al Winkler and Jim Thompson at the Guard's Command Post set up Thursday morning at 168th St. and Crenshaw Blvd.

(Herald Photo)



ANOTHER FLOOD VICTIM . . . This small sparrow found the elements too much last week and tried to find refuge in the administration office at Torrance Municipal Airport. After drying out in front of the heater, the bird was turned loose again and took off for points unknown.

(Herald Photo)



OPERATION RESCUE . . . Brave autoists who tried to cross flooded 174th St., between Gramercy Place and Western, Thursday, by riding on the raised divider strip, found the raging waters too much. The driver of the auto, upper left,

backed into torrents to pull out the stalled car behind him. The operation was successful. Other cars were tied up here and further east in the Carrel Speedway area.

(Herald Photo)